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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and  
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as  
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following  
paragraph:

--The present application is the national stage  
under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/FL99/00397, filed 12 July 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 2-72.